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MIRA VISTA DEDICATES

The first unit of the Mira Vista Church was dedicated on Sunday, September 30, as the climax of a week of activity. This week included a Men's Club meeting, a lovely tea presided over by the Women's Association, to which women of the community and of neighboring churches had been invited, a social evening for the entire community at which 250 people were present, and a church dinner with 80 people in attendance.

On Sunday morning Rev. Gifford M. Webster, the pastor, preached the sermon, using as his theme: "A Dream Comes True," and Supt. Harley H. Gill gave a brief address, both of them intended to encourage the congregation to make the most of their plant and their opportunity.

In the afternoon the service of dedication was presided over by Mr. Morris Cleland, layman of the church, and the son of Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland. Messages of greeting were read. Remarks were made by Rev. Herbert C. Gans, president of the Conference Board of Directors; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of Martinez, moderator of the Conference; and Rev. William E. McCormack of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, president of the national Board of Home Missions. Mr. Albert Bridson, chairman of the Board of Deacons, in behalf of the Church read the dedicatory statement of purpose, and Supt .Harley H. Gill offered the dedicatory prayer. The service was followed by an informal reception hour, with opportunity for all guests to see the entire building.

The Pacific published an architect's drawing of the entire plant some months ago. The present unit consists of a two-story building, the lower floor having four excellent assembly rooms for Church School, youth groups, and other gatherings. The upper floor, in addition to a good-sized lobby, has a multi-purpose assembly room capable of seating 250 people, with an adjoining alcove with fireplace and an adequate kitchen. This multi-purpose room will serve for social gatherings and for services of worship. Many visitors expressed their surprise and pleasure over this newest of our Congregational church plants.

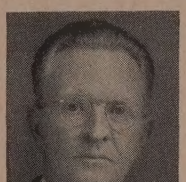
TAX EXEMPTION

Many of our people are deeply interested in the Referendum or Assembly Bill 3383. This law, which was passed by the last legislature, would exempt from taxation schools below college grade. This, in the main, means exempting parochial schools.

It is our understanding that sufficient signatures were secured, before the deadline, to stop the measure from going into effect and to refer it to the people for vote at the next general election. We have been informed that the Governor has not called a special election for November of this year but that this measure will appear on the ballot in November, 1952. This accounts for the fact that there will be little campaign pressure for the time being, but our people would do well to keep themselves informed on this important issue and to acquaint other people with the serious issues which it raises.

THE BROADMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH, SAN LEANDRO

A picture of the new enlarged Broadmoor Church was not available for the June issue of The Pacific when the account of the dedication appeared. The new unit, which was dedicated, appears at the extreme left of the picture, but no photo can do it justice for it extends across the entire rear of the older building, fronting also on the street just at the extreme right. Along with the new structure was a revamping and redecorating of much of the building that had been in use since 1930. The Broadmoor Church is now one of the strongest in our fellowship and has one of the most attractive building plants. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.



Rev. Wofford C. Timmons of New York, Executive, Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life

CONVOCATIONS

The ministers of our Congregational churches and numbers of laymen will want to attend the nearest of the seven area convocations under the auspices of the Commission on Evangelism of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches. Arrangements have been made by our own Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life to bring Dr. Wofford C. Timmons as our representative and leader. The schedule for the team appears in the Calendar of Events, and is as follows: November 5, Reno; November 6, Sacramento and Chico; November 7, Fresno; November 8, Berkeley and San Jose; November 9, Ukiah; November 10, Eureka.

Dr. Timmons will expect to meet in a denominational group of people from our fellowship who are in attendance.

PICTURES WANTED

The Missions Council is extremely anxious to have good pictures of church exteriors and interiors, of groups at meetings, of church activities, projects of young people's groups, projects of women's work, and any other pictures of sufficient interest to use in our promotional material and church calendars. Send the pictures to William K. Wilson, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N Y., but be sure to label them carefully.

LET THE FLOOD ROLL

Whew! Do we have the big-head around The Pacific office! So many and such enthusiastic compliments as we have received about the September issue! Wish we could do it every time, but it costs money, and a lot of it. Once in a hundred years we can stand it, we hope.

Subscriptions have been literally pouring in, and may the showers of blessings continue. Of course, we can not keep talking about the 100th anniversary, and it wouldn't do to be printing pictures of editors of by-gone days. We had our splurge and we must now settle down to the real business of the church year. Our readers, we believe, will not be disappointed even with just four pages. A superintendent of a distant state writes: "Surely Northern California is not slowing up because of old age. Everything in the paper breathes progress, vision, and enthusiasm. Congratulations."

Oh, by the way, did you forget to send in that renewal subscription, and, perhaps, add enough to send the paper to somebody else?

THREE OUT OF MANY

From the superintendent of Rhode Island: "Just a word expressing my enjoyment at reading through your anniversary issue. I found it enlightening, inspirational, and encouraging."

"I have been enjoying the 100th anniversary number of The Pacific, the articles bringing back memories of many whom I had known through the years and of others of whom I had heard from my mother who was in San Francisco during her girlhood."—Elizabeth (Mrs. W. F.) Bade.

"Thanks for remembering me with a copy of the 100th anniversary number of The Pacific. It is truly a remarkable piece of work to have been carried on through all of the exigencies of 100 years of service. I offer sincere congratulations."—Rev. O. A. Smith, Nogales, Arizona.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT

On the weekend of September 22 and 23, about ninety men gathered at Cazadero for the fifth annnal retreat of the Laymen's Fellowship of our Northern California Conference. Present were representatives from twenty-eight churches ranging from Eureka on the north to Porterville on the south.

Featured speakers were Walter A. Graham, Executive Director of our National Laymen's Fellowship; Dr. William E. McCormack, pastor of First Church, San Francisco; and Senator Herbert C. Jones, layman of our San Jose Church.

An inspirational worship service led by John Finger was held in the bowl Sunday morning A volunteer choir of fifteen men gathered together on short notice and, led by Victor McLane of Modesto, did remarkably well in providing the music without benefit of organ or piano.

At the closing business session President Herbert W. Hilker reported that there are now approximately 28 active Men's Clubs in the Conference, with about twenty of that number being started in the past two years. After the returns of a questionnaire sent to the churches are tabulated and analyzed, some form of assistance will be given to those churches that desire help in getting a Men's Club started.

It was the consensus of the men that the Laymen's Fellowship should do everything possible to assist the Conference Board of Directors in raising the funds necessary to start new churches.

The Northern California Laymen's Fellowship at its retreat elected the following officers to serve for the coming year:

President—John Finger, Oakland Plymouth.
Vice-Pres.—Daniel Ruggles, Sonoma.
Secretary-Treasurer—Ford E. Samuels, Alameda.
Directors—
Carvel Caine, Berkeley North.
Forrest Chilcott, Sacramento Sierra Arden.
Chris R. Weisz, San Francisco First.
Herbert W. Hilker, San Mateo.
Robert L. Hughes, Modesto.
E. H. Winslow, Concord.
Guy Colburn, Fresno.
Jack Heinrich, Kerman.
Duncan Olmsted, Petaluma.

STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE

Six young people served twelve churches of our Conference this summer in the Student Summer Service program, designed in part to give aid to the churches and in part to give training to college and seminary students. Supported by our own Board of Home Missions, by the Conference, by Children's Day Offerings from our churches, and by the churches in which they worked, these young people conducted daily vacation Bible schools, filled pulpits, and did parish calling. Among the churches served were Cedarville, Eagleville, Weaverville, Modesto, La Selva Beach, Niles, Bayview Villa, South Berkeley, Elk Grove, Hillcrest, and Sunol. The workers in Student Summer Service this year included Grace Sarrafian, Johnnie Mae Caldwell, Avonne Ravekes, Naomi Reddert, Barbara Price, and George Taylor.

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HE MARCHES ON

Nels Frederick Sanderson, retired minister and active layman, passed away quietly in his sleep at his home in Martinez early Monday morning, September 3.

He was born in Denmark in 1874. At the age of 16 he came to this country, residing first in Iowa and then in South Dakota. Soon after graduation from high school he enlisted in the Spanish American War, serving in the Philippines. Upon his return he began study for the ministry, and was ordained in the Methodist Church of Vermillion, S. D., in October, 1907. In that year he was married to Jennie Foster, who survives him.

He entered the University of Southern California in 1910 and, while studying for his B. A. degree, took numerous courses in religion. He served three different Methodist churches and then two in our Congregational fellowship: Hawthorne and East Bakersfield. In 1916 the Sandersons came to San Francisco, while he engaged in YMCA work at Camp Fremont in the Presidio. In 1919 he responded to the call of the First Congregational Church of Martinez, where he was minister until January, 1924.

Because of ill health he resigned and entered business life. During depression years he took a positon in the Yosemite Valley. He seemed to thrive under hard work and rigorous winters, returning to Martinez in 1939 much improved in health. Since that date he has dealt in real estate by improving and selling homes, meeting with gratifying success. He threw himself heartily into the life of his own local church and the denomination. He served as supply and interim pastor on many occasions, but particularly at Antioch, Benicia, and Port Chicago. Almost single-handed he was responsible for raisng $32,000, Northern California's share in the Unit Plan, bringing this Conference to its goal earlier than any other major Conference. He was active in laymen's work, and was delegate several times to our General Council. He was of maximum usefulness in his own church, having been chairman of the Board of Deacons and a faithful visitor. He was active among the Spanish American War veterans.

The funeral chapel in Martinez was crowded to the doors for his farewell service on Thursday, September 6, which was conducted by Supt. Harley H. Gill and his own minister, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord. Many words of high tribute were spoken by his friends for a man whose usefulness was almost unbounded and whose gentle, quiet goodness made him truly a modern saint. His remains were laid to rest in the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno.

NOW IS THE TIME

The figures appearing below in the total are somewhat encouraging, but it is a bit alarming to see the number of churches that have fallen away below their giving of a year ago. If all of these churches could catch up to the amounts previously given or, better still, the goals suggested, the Board of Directors would not be facing a deficit of $6,000. Three months remain in the calendar year. Let us all give attention to these matters.

	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30,'50	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30,'51
Alameda	$ 909.98	$ 880.66
Alturas	173.81	149.19
Angels Camp	68.41	50.00
Antioch	276.95	268.29
Auburn	100.00	100.00
Benicia	26.00	95.00
Berkeley, Arlington	479.86	793.91
Chinese	25.07	14.50
First	7,476.78	8,035.57
North	986.70	1,085.96
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	611.82	691.38
Biola	46.08	49.92
Campbell	509.90	709.72
Cedarville	32.10	48.70
Cloverdale	86.25	—
Cotati	50.01	82.46
Crockett	110.70	109.70
Dinuba	1.00	1.00
Eagleville	13.38	74.03
Elk Grove	67.14	240.11
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	—	25.00
Etna	62.85	135.83
Eureka	1,051.84	855.51
Fairfax	190.80	145.05
Ferndale	287.83	159.50
Fresno, First	2,518.09	2,364.59
Free Cross	323.84	—
Japanese	61.25	47.50
Pilgrim Armen.	—	250.00
Zion	10.00	69.60
Glen Ellen	99.50	60.75
Guerneville	221.09	144.25
Hayward	1,647.38	1,029.85
Kenwood	44.22	27.17
La Selva Beach	—	91.09
Lodi, Ebenezer	96.52	—
First	2,124.28	2,088.64
Loleta	24.82	25.47
Loomis	—	33.75
Martinez	1,449.67	1,460.17
Modesto	88.67	75.69
Murphys	5.00	—
Niles	24.30	13.57
Oakland, First	4,051.27	4,985.60
Fruitvale	—	35.00
Japanese	—	12.00
New Pilgrim	398.81	415.51
Plymouth	1,451.39	1,559.63
Orinda	889.82	919.12
Oroville	250.00	362.42
Pacific Grove	75.84	25.00
Palo Alto	2,925.50	3,659.65
Paradise	535.60	535.00
Parlier	15.00	—
Penngrove	175.26	5.95
Pescadero	26.45	—
Petaluma	500.00	404.59
Pittsburg	304.42	292.46
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest	—	223.14
Port Chicago	5.00	30.69
Porterville	1,400.00	2,250.00
Redwood City	674.94	1,258.64
Rio Vista	50.00	100.00
Ripon	257.66	298.04
Sacramento, Pioneer	2,188.00	2,639.00
Sierra Arden	137.25	150.00
Salida	31.25	38.74
San Carlos	1,060.00	1,495.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. Pk.	68.15	221.00
Calvary	—	50.00
Chinese	26.50	13.83
First	1,758.24	1,994.53
Park Presidio	662.11	479.22
Pilgrim	100.00	111.53
St. John's	—	99.28
Sanger	54.36	72.32
San Jose	1,560.00	1,219.99
San Leandro	121.83	149.47
San Lorenzo	17.69	—
San Mateo	3,600.00	3,621.31
San Rafael	117.15	291.24
Santa Cruz	1,085.79	830.91
Santa Rosa	246.69	171.33
Saratoga	475.17	376.54
Sebastopol	501.83	279.99
Sonoma	190.67	267.57
Soquel	111.15	70.09
Stockton	1,099.72	1,205.66
Suisun	90.00	92.10
Sunnyvale	73.70	43.95
Sunol	138.79	194.61
Tulare	1,060.00	905.00
Weaverville	100.00	117.00
Woodside	94.35	201.00
Reno, Nevada	637.46	436.91
Miscellaneous	215.00	285.65
Pilgrim Fellowship	2,031.96	2,809.66
Totals	$56,425.66	$61,289.95

P. F. BANQUET

From every part of Northern California, members of Pilgrim Fellowship groups gathered on the evening of September 29 at the historic Pioneer Church in Sacramento for the Sixth Annual Presidential Banquet. The Banquet, which has grown to be the largest single gathering of Northern California PF'ers, honored Helen Alexander of Antioch, newly elected State President, the presidents of the seven Pilgrim Fellowship areas, and the leaders of all local Pilgrim Fellowship groups. Following a grand supper, prepared by the women of Pioneer Church, the great crowd of young people moved to the sanctuary to hear Conference Moderator Donald F. Gaylord, of Martinez, speak on the theme, "Leadership and Lordship." The evening closed with recreation and the traditional Friendship Circle.

P. F. FRUIT PROJECT

Once again, Congregational Christian young people from Northern California have invested a part of their summer in the Christian Youth Fruit Project, established to pick and process surplus fruit for shipment to areas of need abroad. The project, originally begun under the direction of our own Pilgrim Fellowship and supported from the budget of the Congregational Service Committee, is now under auspices of an interdenominational committee, but is still very much a part of the total Pilgrim Fellowship program. This year, it was hoped that two camps might be operated, but circumstances prevented that; and the original project, on the Hughes' Ranch at Hughson, near Modesto, was the only one actually opened. There, for four weeks, under the hot August sun, young people, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. George Burleson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harter, picked, processed, and packed many tons of peaches. "That's putting your religion to work," one layman was heard to remark, after watching the fruit campers in the field. And the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship is resolved that not only one, but possibly two or three such camps will be in operation next year!

S. CAL. SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Jesse F. Perrin, pastor for a number of years at Glendale, has been elected Superintendent of the Congregational Conference of Southern California and the Southwest. Mr. Perrin is a graduate of Carleton College and Chicago Theological Semniary. He was named moderator of the Conference at the meeting in May, and his name was presented by the committee on the superintendency unanimously and with hearty enthusiasm. His father was associate superintendent in South Dakota for nine years and then took up the superintendency, until his death in 1928. The Pacific welcomes Mr. Perrin to the leadership of the strong sister Conference in the south.

P. F. FALL RALLIES

The Pilgrim Fellowship will be holding its Fall Area Rallies during the next two months. The following schedule has been announced by the area presidents:

San Joaquin Area—Porterville, October 14.

Eastbay Area—First Congregational Church, Berkeley, October 21.

North Central Area—Reno, Nevada, October 27-28.

Westbay Area—San Carlos, November 4.

Upperbay and Redwood Empire—Mira Vista Church, El Cerrito, November 17-18.

P. F. WORK FOR MIGRANTS

Three young people from Northern California teamed up with three others from our sister conference to the south to bring a ministry of Christian love and service to the migrant workers of the Santa Clara Valley this past summer. Helen Alexander, Al Klyce, and Carl Merryman represented our Conference on a team, which was one of seven working in Northern California under the auspices of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches. Miss Lois Hamer, Children's Worker from the Southern California Conference, headed the team.

Choosing to live under primitive conditions like the migrants whom they sought to serve, the team set up their base camp in Alviso. From there they served five camps in the general vicinity. A two-hour vacation school program was held in each camp; and in two of the camps an evening recreational program was also conducted. But much more important than the formal program was the informal contact with the migrants. The goal of the team was so to live and work and play among the children and their parents, that they would see the spirit of Christ shining through. And an important by-product of the program was the deepened insight and the widened horizons of our own young people as they came to appreciate the practical meaning of brotherhood, as it can be lived here within the bounds of our own Conference.

MINISTERS' RETREAT

Two days of fine fellowship and exchange of deep experiences and thinking characterized the Ministers' Retreat which was sponsored by the Conference Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life at our own Cazadero, September 9 to 11. Thirty-two ministers attended. Rev. Philip G. Murray, chairman of the Committee, presided. Leaders of the different sessions were Rev. Holland F. Burr of the Piedmont Community Church, Rev. H. Weldon Batty of San Carlos, and Rev. David Stowe of First Church, Berkeley. It was the unanimous opinion that each year, if suitable time could be found, a retreat for ministers should be held.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Convocations for ministers and laymen of Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches:

November 5—Reno, First Christian Church.

November 6—Sacramento, Fremont Presbyterian Church.

November 6—Chico, Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church.

November 7—Fresno, St. Paul's Methodist Church.

November 8—Berkeley, First Baptist Church.

November 8—San Jose, Community Church of Santa Clara.

November 9—Ukiah, First Presbyterian Church.

November 10—Eureka, First Presbyterian Church.

December 27-29—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, College of the Pacific, Stockton.

January 24—Annual meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

February 19-20-21—Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

May 23-24-25—Annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Oakland.

June 17-25—General Council of Congregational Christian Churches at Claremont.

BERKELEY, FIRST—Mr. and Mrs. neth E. Johnson, students at Pa- . School of Religion, have joined staff of this church. Mr. Johnson direct the Junior Church, and his e will be part-time director of re- ous education. She comes to this after being supervisor of week- religious education classes in Oak- d. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of erlin College and a veteran of rld War II. Rev. Vere V. Loper, tor, is back again in his pulpit. e fall seminar series will begin on tober 10 and continue through five cessive Wednesday evenings. Rev. Mrs. Everett C. Blake will direct Missionary Seminar. Rev. Gail land will lead the section on "The try and Philosophy of the Bible." Donald Macfarlane has charge of section concerned with the United tions and World Affairs Mr. R. nneth Holt will provide the section ling with "The Organ and Its erature at the Layman's Level." v. David Stowe will have a theo- ical series, entitled, "Some Puzzles Christian Faith," and Dr. David Russell will present the theme, Understanding the Sociology of Our mmunity."

NILES — In June the Nazarene urch of this community was gutted fire, and the people were left with- t a meeting place. Our Niles urch at once offered the use of Ford- lgrim Hall. For more than two nths both churches and Sunday hools met at the same time without convenience to either. This has re- ted in a growing friendliness be- en the churches. A successful Va- tion Church School was conducted August with some help from Stu- nt Summer Service workers. More an 50 children were enrolled. Rev. ul Focht is the pastor.

TULARE—A brand new cork floor s been laid and brand new pews ve been installed. An attractive new oir loft has been built and an ex- llent cooling system provided. There to be a concrete and brick patio and creation center and a new Church hool building. A lot has been pur- ased, to which the parsonage garage s been moved to make room for the w construction. The foundation rms are finished. The cost of this ilding will be about $23,000. Funds r this were raised some few years go. Rev. Harold F. Cram is the nister.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — The nnual fall School of Christian Living as begun. Each year this church pre- nts a series of speakers on present ay problems of interest to the church nd about which the church should e alert. Two students from Pacific hool of Religion, Jack R. Heal and dward Wulfekuehler, are on the staff. oth the sanctuary and the commun- y center have new roofs and a gas rnace has been installed. The pastor, ev. Philip G. Murray, is president f the Oakland Ministers' Fellowship.

PORTERVILLE — Church school ttendance calls for more space than is vailable. The 60th anniversary of he church is to be observed on No- ember 18, and a goal of 60 new nembers is expected to be reached. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor. Rev. Luther H. Vogel, assistant pastor, has accepted a teaching position at Avenal, necessitating a round trip of 180 miles each week.

SAN CARLOS—Different families of the church are accepting responsi- bility for care of lawn and gardens of the church, each taking a section. This church was one of three churches in our fellowship with largest delegations at the Laymen's Retreat. Rev H. Weldon Batty is pastor.

REV. and MRS. BING YEE LEONG

The September issue of The Pacific carried the word that Rev. Bing Yee Leong had resigned the pastorate of the Chinese Congregational Church of San Francisco. He came to California in 1913 from China, serving the San Francisco church until 1920. For three years he was pastor in Bakersfield and then for four years in Chicago. In 1927 he returned to San Francisco and has been pastor for 24 years, having for some time been the senior minister in our Northern California fellowship.

In 1930, in addition to the pastorate, he assumed the duties of principal of the Chinese Union Christian Academy, more familiarly known as the Hip Wo School. During that period the school has grown and maintained a high standard of scholarship. He will continue his principalship, at least until the summer of 1952. He and his children have purchased a property in Chinatown and he will make his home in this city.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—Rev. Joseph L. C. Ma of the Shing Kwong Church of Hong Kong has been elected the pastor of this church to succeed Rev. Bing Yee Leong. Mr. Ma is 38 years old, has a wife and a boy five years of age. Three of his brothers are ministers. He is a graduate of a college in China and of the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Naperville, Illinois. With the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, he holds ordination by the Church of Christ in China. He expects to arrive in San Francisco as soon as passport requirements can be met.

STOCKTON — A large congregation greeted Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, on his return to his pulpit after preaching for five Sundays in the Plymouth Church of Minneapolis. Beginning Sunday, October 7, there will be two services each Sunday morning, 9:30 and 11:00. The church is very happy with Rev. Earnest D. Lidell as associate minister and is looking forward to the best year of its history. There will be two youth choirs, both trained by a graduate student in music at College of the Pacific.

GLEN ELLEN - KENWOOD — Physical improvements have been made in both church buildings so that six classes can be accommodated in separate rooms. Laude W. Hays, recently pastor at Penngrove, is now serving as assistant to Rev. H. J. Loken and is youth director in the two churches. A Pilgrim Fellowship has been started under Mr. Hays' leadership.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—The erection of the new building unit is ahead of schedule, and it is hoped will be occupied during October. The Sunday School has reached 600, with new children enrolled weekly from a large sub-division across the road from the church. Sierra Arden was one of the churches sending the largest representation to the Laymen's Retreat. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are pastors.

SAN JOSE — The story of the statesmanlike decision of the San Jose Church was told in the September issue of The Pacific, in the purchasing of a property to be turned over to a new church if and when such is organized. Plans have continued to move forward. Thirteen hundred calls have been made in the area; 260 interested families have been discovered, with a total of 300 children promised for a Sunday School. The whole project is now before the Board of Home Missions for its approval, the Conference Board of Directors having heartily endorsed it and committed itself to share in the project.

While doing this, the San Jose Church has launched a forward movement for itself, with active committees planning new strategies.

Sunday, September 16, was a notable day. Services of worship were held in a redwood grove near the Big Basin. This was followed by a picnic dinner and a planning conference of the membership of the church and several departments. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is giving strong leadership.

PLEASANT HILL, HILLCREST—The groundbreaking ceremony came off on time. Indeed, the contractor was there first, and great heaps of earth were lying about from the excavation already begun. It was a nice crowd that gathered under the leadership of Rev. Robert L. Carlson, the pastor. Mr. Herbert J. Shelley, moderator of the church, presided. Greetings were given by presidents of improvement clubs, by Mr. Bruce Lee of the Building Committee, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of the Martinez Church, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. The campaign for the share of the members in the building costs was made in September, and at last report, $7,400 has been pledged out of a goal of $10,000, with more people yet to see.

PALO ALTO—After many months of investigation and negotiation, 4¼ acres of land have been purchased at the corner of Embarcadero and Louis Road as a site for the new building which the church has been planning. An architect has been secured and building committee set up. Rev. Lucius Reed, a member of the church, filled the pulpit during the vacation of Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, the pastor, and again while Mr. Casaday was serving the Student Camp at Cazadero.

OAKLAND, FIRST — Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is preaching a series of sermons on the book of Zechariah. Good fellowship is promoted by a coffee hour following the morning service. The church school children are keeping in contact with the children of the Christian Orphanage in North Carolina. Reports were given about Cazadero and the Asilomar Conference at the monthly meeting of the Women's League.

SAN MATEO—The Religious Education unit will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, November 11. The building brings 7,600 more square feet into use. Sunday evening youth groups attendance has been averaging over 100 this fall. This church now uses the colony plan with 12 to 15 families in each of 32 areas, with a husband and wife as leaders in each colony. Rev Benton S. Gaskell and Rev. Terence E. Stoker are pastors.

SEBASTOPOL—At a well-attended business meeting the church voted almost unanimously to build a new church on a new site in the near future. Studies have been made during the past few months as to the direction of population movement. The present site is almost completely covered by the building which is no longer adequate. Rev. Raymond C. W. Keeble is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY—William L. Holladay, recent graduate of Pacific School of Religion, has been called by both the Angels Camp and Murphys churches to serve them as a yoked field. Mr. and Mrs. Holladay have had Quaker background, but after prayerful consideration have concluded to invest their lives in the Congregational ministry. They desire to serve in rural rather than urban fields and were greatly challenged by the opportunity in Calaveras County. Rev. Raiph V. Conard, pastor-at-large, has been in close contact with the churches during the month of September and before and has given guidance in the working out of the details in reestablishing the cooperative relationship between the two churches which was in existence a number of years ago. Mr. Holladay was enthusiastically received by the churches and the call on the part of both was unanimous. He began work on October first.

SAN RAFAEL — This church has doubled its giving to Our Christian World Mission, and the giving to current expenses has been increased by at least 50%. The every member enlistment will be used this fall. The church school has adopted the Pilgrim Series, and the young people have been organized as Pilgrim Fellowship for more than a year. The pastor, Rev. Paul Peterson, is commencing his fifth year of service. During this time a new foundation and brick entrance of the church have been completed. The steeple is beautifully lighted and a neon cross installed. A Hammond organ, a new pulpit, drapes, and rugs have greatly improved the sanctuary. The class and social rooms have been redecorated, the parsonage renovated, and the indebtedness reduced by half.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — Mr. Curtis R. Schumacher, of the Board of Home Missions, is to be the guest of the church for a week, leading in a campaign which will make possible a reduction in the indebtedness of the church, the purchase of a new carpet, and a remodeling of the front of the sanctuary into a chancel. Ninety-five new members have been received thus far during the year; and as Pacific goes to press, 25 more are expected on World Communion Sunday. The goal for the year was set at 200. Rev. William E. McCormack and Rev. Joseph D. Redinger are the ministers.

PARADISE—Rev. John F. Dunstan has accepted a call to this church, beginning on October 1. He comes from the Prospect Church of Seattle, where he has been the minister for 19 years. Prior to that he served other churches in the Seattle area. Both he and Mrs. Dunstan have been leaders in the fellowship of our sister conference. The call from the Paradise Church was unanimous and enthusiastic. He will bring great strength to our fellowship.

ORINDA—At almost the last minute it was necessary to postpone the dedication of the new building. The contractor was beset with severe labor shortages. The date has been postponed now until October 21. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is the pastor.

SUISUN—Rev. G. A. Larue, pastor of this church and graduate student at Pacific School of Religion, has been appointed to teach Basic Old Testament at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific for the next two quarters.

PESCADERO—Mr. Joseph Krueger, first year student at Pacific School of Religion, has been called and has been in charge of the work since the first of September. Mr. Krueger was pastor of the Methodist Church at Byron, California, before coming to Pacific School of Religion.

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Mrs. Wm. F. Pemberton, Editor for this issue

The Fall Meeting of the Federation will be held in the First Congregational Church, Redwood City, on Thursday, October 18, from 10:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. A nursery will be provided for small children. Bring your own sandwiches; dessert, coffee, and tea will be served for 25¢. A special program is being planned.

REPORT OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting, held Sunday afternoon at the First Church, San Francisco, was well attended by representatives from evening groups as well as those who customarily attend the regular Federation meetings held on the third Thursdays. Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham, president, opened the meeting with Walt Whitman's poem of Pioneers to remind us we were venturing on a new trail in trying a new procedure to bring into touch with the Federation those growing numbers of women meeting in the evening whose interests and objectives are of as much concern to the Federation as are those of the daytime groups. There are now 58 women's evening groups registered with the Federation secretary.

Flashes from Secretaries provided suggestions for using materials available to the local churches. **Mrs. George W. Lindsay, Christian Home Secretary,** urged that parents cooperate in the Church School program, participate in the Family Night programs of the church, establish family worship in the home, and enjoy family vacation periods as provided at Cazadero, which stress Christian living in the sharing of playing together and worshiping together. Christian homes do not "just happen," but are built through the love and devotion of both parents.

Mrs. C. E. Ward, Social Action Secretary, defined social action as the application of Christian faith and principles in social life and conduct. At the national level, the Council for Social Action is divided into the following groups: Agriculture, dealing with farmer problems and migrants; Labor, reporting on labor-management conferences; Legislative, watching over legislation in Congress in which we should be concerned; Interracial, dealing with housing and discriminatory actions; and International, reporting on the United Nations, D. P. camps, and related subjects. Write Mrs. Ward, 162 Grand St., Redwood City, for literature on any of these phases, or for help with programs.

Mrs. Henry Sax, Literature Secretary, told of the interesting study books and aids as listed in the September issue of The Pacific, and urged that we take up the challenge presented by the Home Field study books and remove the moral blinders that prevent us from seeing what needs to be done in America. She called attention to a booklet to help with evening entertainments: "Fun and Festival from the Other Americas" by Rose H. Wright; and a book for young people about their contemporaries in Latin America: "Looking South" by Constance M. Hallock.

Mrs. Ford Samuel, Secretary for Reading Lists, offered suggestions for the use of the "Adventures in Reading" list and suggested that books be shared to form a church library if there is no established church library. There will be no annual report as to the number of books read by individuals, this to be replaced by reports of how the Reading Lists were used and programs presented in which the values received from books are shared and form a basis for discussions. Neighborhood reading groups are excellent nuclei for such discussions.

Mrs. J. H. McCartney, Thank Offering Secretary, explained that the Woman's Gift is made up from the need of individuals to express in tangible form gratitude for blessings received. The money benefits groups within the State, across the Nation and around the World. Four essential materials needed to put into motion the Thank Offering giving in the local groups are: the Bible for inspiration, Prayer, and the envelopes or boxes for individual contributions. Write to her at 210 Oakes Blvd., San Leandro, for free envelopes or boxes at 3¢ each. Refer to the Guide Posts for January, 1951, for a Thank Offering program, or get the playlet, "Love in Action"; data as it appears in The Pacific; or the film strip about the needs filled by the Woman's Gift.

Mrs. Tony Zupo, Friendly Service Secretary (524 Eden St., Lodi), sent word that a few of the groups have not forwarded acceptance of their quota assigned for filling those extra needs in sponsored schools and hospitals not covered by the apportionment distribution.

Speakers' Bureau reports the following speakers available: Miss Helen Frances Smith, national secretary of Friendly Service, will be in this area October 17 to 28. Mrs. Lynda Goodsell Blake, here on leave from Turkey, will be available after October 12. Mrs. Gail Cleland is prepared to speak on the Home Field study books. Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Robinson, recently returned from China, are located in this area. They can be reached by phone: Walnut Creek 9585. Mrs. Calen Fisher feels greatly the needs of Korea and is an interesting speaker. Mrs. Robert Sibley, recently returned from a tour of South America, has a limited amount of free time for speaking engagements. Mrs. Stuart L. Anderson, speaker and talented book reviewer, has some time except on Fridays. Mrs. Dorothy Dean Scott presents a most interesting lecture on birds. Contact **Mrs. J. E. Enman,** 2405 Derby Street, Berkeley 5, Chairman, for the arrangement of dates for these or other speakers on her list. Federation secretaries may also be contacted for program dates.

Use the **Handbook and Directory,** put out by the Conference office, presidents of local groups are reminded. This booklet was given out at Federation meetings, and lists Federation officers and secretaries as well as furnishing much informative data.

Betty Crocker coupons are being collected by the women of the Mira Vista Church, El Cerrito, to fill in their supply of silverware. Any coupons sent to them will be appreciated.

Smorgasbord supper provided by the Men's Club of the San Francisco First Church was an eye-appealing and hunger-satisfying delight. A skit, "Evolution of a Commissioner," prepared by Mrs. Ralph Edwards, entertained the audience. Read your Commissioner's letter and find out if your group falls into the right category.

Rev. Wm. E. McCormack, pastor of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, gave the after dinner address on "Woman's Place Is in the Church." Women are essential to the total life of the church, Dr. McCormack said, not only for what they contribute to the life of the church in work accomplished, but also because of their desire to beautify the church; for their spirit of conciliation, sympathy, and understanding of the making of adjustments to the needs of people which communicates the great friendliness underlying an active, virile church; and, thirdly, for their optimism in believing it possible to accomplish tasks confronting the church and their belief in the future effectiveness and good of their children.

Meeting the ships to welcome returning missionaries, nationals from other countries, exchange students, and to wish Godspeed to those departing from San Francisco, is the work of the Hospitality Committee, headed by Mrs. James H. Price This fascinating but often time-consuming phase of Federation work was described by Mrs. Price, who has spent innumerable hours waiting for ships to come in that she might be of assistance with customs officials, storing luggage, and personifying the friendliness of our Christian women.

NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER

Mr. John H. Finger, San Francisco attorney and moderator of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Oakland, has been elected assistant treasurer of the Conference. Interestingly enough ,at the Laymen's Retreat he was made president of the Laymen's Fellowship for the coming year. He succeeds Rev. W. Wallace Furze, who has been the assistant treasurer for a number of years, prior to which he was for ten years the treasurer. Mr. Furze has retired from his business in San Francisco and is to make his home in Clovis.

BENICIA—The Board of Religious Education of this church recruited teachers for every class in the church school and an even dozen of substitutes. Several men went to the Laymen's Retreat at Cazadero and a carload of women to the meeting at First Church, San Francisco. Rev. C. T. Gustafson is pastor.

LODI, FIRST — Rev. W. H. L. Marshall of San Jose is serving as interim minister. A family potluck dinner is held each month. Each Tuesday morning a group of women meet at the church for prayer. The Lodi Council of Churches gave a reception for the school teachers at the beginning of the school year.

RIPON—The Sunday School has been contributing small cans of meat to be sent to Miss Anna Dederer on the island of Truk. This canned meat is a welcome change in her diet, since refrigeration on the island is lacking. The young people of the church helped with the fruit camp at Hughson. Rev. C. W. Kirkpatrick is the minister.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED — New heating equipment has been installed in the sanctuary and results in greatly improved temperature control. The church recently made a special offering for flood relief of Methodist and Congregational churches in Kansas. Rev. J. Paul Coleman is the minister.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM — An adult class has been inaugurated. Leadership has been secured for a new financial campaign to secure $4,000, which will clear up obligations from the building effort to provide floor covering and other needful items in the new building. Rev. Karl Olsen is pastor.

PETALUMA — Seventy-five children were in Church School the opening day. The staff of the school is now as large as the school was at the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Herbert C. Gans. Attendance at the services of worship is likewise showing an increase.

COPIES AVAILABLE

There is still a supply of the anniversary edition of The Pacific which we are glad to have used in an effective attempt to increase the subscription list. Do not hesitate to ask for some copies, provided you ask for twice as many subscription envelopes.

TEAM VISITS MODOC

The Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life of the Conference, Rev. Philip G. Murray, chairman, is answering invitations of some of the churches to bring especial assistance and inspiration. Rev. Gifford L. Webster of El Cerrito, Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham, and a layman spent two days at Eagleville and Cedarville in October. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody of the Committee, will assist Rev. Hubert Dimock in a Visitation Evangelistic project in Antioch.

CALIFORNIA TO NO. DAKOTA

Rev. Frank E. Carlson, who recently resigned at the Guerneville church and purchased a home near Saratoga, was suddenly asked to become ad interim superintendent of the Congregational Conference of North Dakota, to serve for a period of at least several months while the Conference is securing a permanent leader. Dr. and Mrs. Carlson left the latter part of September and just reached North Dakota in time to get in trim for one of the famous winters. He will bring to the position a wealth of experience, growing out of his superintendency in Oregon a number of years ago.

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